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TECHNICAL DEMAND REMAINS HIGH

FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1984

Deutsch, Shea & Evans reports that their High Technology Recruitment Index continues to indicate a high level of demand for engineers and scientists. Latest data indicate that the February Index, based on a three-month running average, has now reached 134, up two points from the previous month. It makes the fourth consecutive month in which demand has increased, and contrasts sharply with the February, 1983 level of 94.

The single-month figure for March is 129. While this is down from 135 for the previous month, it represents a continuing high demand level. The decrease may be a technical adjustment; it is not seen as signifying a downward trend by DS&E, who note that a March dip in the Index is not unusual.

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HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX
(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
March, 1983	87	93
April	93	91
May	93	94
June	94	97
July	104	101
August	104	106
September	111	108
October	110	102
November	100	111
December	123	120
January, 1984	137	132
February	135	134
March	129	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

HTRI is based on recruitment advertising placed in key newspapers and professional journals each month. DS&E, which has maintained the Index since 1960, is a recruitment advertising agency, a subsidiary of Foote, Cone & Belding Communications, Inc.

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